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Transport Pump and Organ Stabilization Apparatus Including Related

Methods

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

The Examiner's attention is directed to the Information Disclosure Statement that accompanies this response. The Statement makes of record documents of record in related Applications Serial Nos. 08/891456 (now U.S. 6,123,725) and 08/933,566 (now U.S. 6,083,260), both of which are assigned to the assignee of the instant application.

This responds to the restriction requirement mailed July 23, 2002. An automatic five month extension of time to respond, up to and including January 23, 2003, is respectfully requested. The requisite fee accompanies this amendment.

Applicant hereby elects, with right of traverse, the invention defined in claims 1-5 (Examiner's Group 1).

Respectfully submitted,

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